

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 11, 2008,¹ the Examiner allowed claims 1-26, 29-45, and 47-49, and rejected claims 27, 28, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

I. Allowed Claims 1-26, 29-45, and 47-49

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-26, 29-45, and 47-49.

II. The Rejection of Claims 27, 28, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Office Action suggests that claims 27, 28, and 46 be amended to recite "a computer readable medium storing a computer program that ..." (Office Action at pp. 2-3). Applicants have amended claims 27, 28, and 46 in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions, and respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 27, 28, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

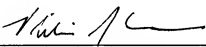
¹ As Applicants' remarks with respect to the Examiner's rejections are sufficient to overcome these rejections, Applicant's silence as to assertions by the Examiner in the Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such rejections (e.g., whether a reference constitutes prior art, ability to combine references, assertions as to patentability of dependent claims) is not a concession by Applicant that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicant reserves the right to analyze and dispute such in the future.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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